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Adult communication

This stream examines various dimensions of communication needs in adults.

Subtopics covered in this stream include:

* acquired communication needs
* acute communication needs
* adult literacy
* aged care
* cognition
* intellectual disability
* justice system
* LGBTQIA+ communities
* mental health
* progressive communication needs
* stuttering/fluency
* trauma
* voice

Communication in children and young people (0-18 years)

This stream is dedicated to the study of communication development in children and young people from 0 to 18 years.

Subtopics covered in this stream include:

* acquired communication needs
* adolescent language
* adolescent literacy
* childhood apraxia of speech
* cleft palate
* congenital communication needs
* disability
* hearing
* justice system
* mental health
* neurodiverse and neurodivergent populations
* pre-school language
* school age language
* school age literacy
* speech development
* speech sound disorders
* stuttering/fluency
* tongue-tie
* trauma
* voice

Communication access

This stream centres on communication access and multi-modal communication across the lifespan.

Subtopics covered in this stream include:

* Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC)
* Complex Communication Needs (CCN)
* disability

Innovation and emerging technology

This stream delves into the innovative aspects of speech pathology practice.

Subtopics covered in this stream include:

* artificial intelligence
* digital tools
* innovations in speech pathology practice
* new ways of using technology
* virtual reality

Professional education and support

This stream centres on professional development, education and support for speech pathologists.

Subtopics covered in this stream include:

* Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural learning
* change management
* coaching and mentoring
* leadership
* lifelong learning
* practice (clinical) education
* self-care and burnout
* supervision

Professional practice

This stream delves into the practical aspects of speech pathology professional practice.

Subtopics covered in this stream include:

* building capacity within consumer environments
* business practices
* culturally safe and responsive service provision
* international/global
* primary health care
* research, service delivery models, including multidisciplinary
* service demands
* speech pathologists working in education
* speech pathology in emerging settings (e.g. mental health, justice system)
* speech pathology within the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)
* trauma-informed practice
* workforce

Professional standards and ethics

This stream highlights the ethical and professional standards upheld by speech pathologists.

Subtopics covered in this stream include:

* accreditation
* certification
* consumer advocacy
* ethical conduct working alongside Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities
* ethical decision making
* evidence-based practice (EBP)
* human rights
* professional conduct
* professional standards
* reflective practice
* regulation
* skills assessment
* social justice

**Swallowing, feeding and mealtimes**

This stream delves into the assessment and management of swallowing, feeding and mealtime needs across the lifespan.

Subtopics covered in this stream include:

* adult - acute
* adult - ageing, community
* adult - disability
* adult - post-acute, rehab
* breast/chest feeding
* instrumental assessments
* neonates
* paediatric

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

Accent modification

Acute care – paediatric

Acute care – adult

Acquired brain injury/traumatic brain injury (ABI/TBI)

Across the lifespan

Adolescent

ADHD

Adult

Advocacy

Aged care

Alternative and Augmentative Communication (AAC)

Ankylglossia

Aphasia

Apraxia

Artificial intelligence

Articulation

Assessment

Auditory processing

Autism (ASD)

Book sharing

Business and independent/private practice

Cancer

Cerebral Palsy

Capacity assessment

Change management

Childhood Apraxia of Speech (CAS)

Cluttering

Coaching

Cochlear implant

Collaboration

Cognition

Cognitive communication

Communication difference

Complex communication needs (CCN)

Competency

Comprehension

Consent

Continuous quality improvement

Craniofacial (including cleft)

Culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD)

Cultural learning

Cultural responsiveness

Deaf and hard of hearing

Dementia

Developmental Language Disorder (DLD)

Disability

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DE&I)

Down Syndrome

Dysarthria

Dyslexia

Dysphagia

Dyspraxia

Early language

Early childhood education

Executive functioning

Early intervention

Early years education

Education

Ethics

Evidence based practice (EBP)

Expressive language

Feeding

Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)

Flexible endoscopic evaluation of swallowing (FEES)

Fluency

Fragile X

Grammar and syntax

Head and neck

Head injury

Hearing loss

Inclusive education

Infant feeding

Innovative practice

Interprofessional collaborative practice

International/global

Justice

Justice intermediary

Juvenile justice

Language disorder (e.g. LD associated with...)

Laryngectomy

Literacy

Leadership

Mealtime support

Mental health

Mentoring

Metalinguistics

Motor speech

Multidisciplinary practice

Narrative

NDIS

Neonatal care

Neurological disorders

Neuromuscular Electrical Stimulation (NMES)

Neurodiversity

Neuro-developmental disability

Oncology

Orofacial myofunctional disorders

Oral language

Other congenital syndromes

Parent/carer training

Paediatric/Infant

Palliative care

Phonetic transcription

Phonological impairment

Phonological and phonemic awareness

Private practice

Prader-Willi Syndrome

Practice (clinical) education

Pragmatic language

Prevention

Project planning/management

Progressive disorders

Professional practice

Professional support

Promotion

Professional standards

Quality improvement

Reading

Receptive language

Reading comprehension

Research

Saliva control

School age

Selective mutism

Semantics

Service delivery

Social communication

Specific disorders

Specific learning disorders

Speech

Speech sound disorders

Stroke

Student

Stuttering/fluency

Supervision

Swallowing

Telepractice

Therapy

Tongue-tie

Tracheostomy

Transdisciplinary practice

Transgender and gender diverse

Trauma informed practice

Vision

Vocabulary

Voice

Voluntary Assisted Dying

Videofluoroscopic swallow study (VFSS)

Wellbeing

William’s Syndrome

Workforce

Written language

Youth justice

Presentation content

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***The research objectives include a thorough examination of sentence structure elements such as syntax, grammar, and style. The study’s findings underscore the significant influence of sentence structure on both language comprehension and expression. The research revealed that variations in sentence structure can alter meaning and evoke different emotions, emphasising the critical role it plays in effective communication.***

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Evidence-Based Practice (E4BP) requires integrating four sources of evidence (Hoffman et al., 2013):

* Rigorously conducted research
* Preferences of service users
* Practitioner knowledge, experience, and expertise
* Contextual factors, such as available resources and organisational/government practices and policies

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